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WHAT MADE JORDAN DO IT?? WHY DID HE DARE TO CRY... "I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS!"
DON'T DO IT, YOU FOOL!! DON'T ENTER THE HOUSE! NOT THAT HOUSE!
COME BACK, JORDAN!! FOR THE LOVE OF HEAVEN, COME BACK BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!
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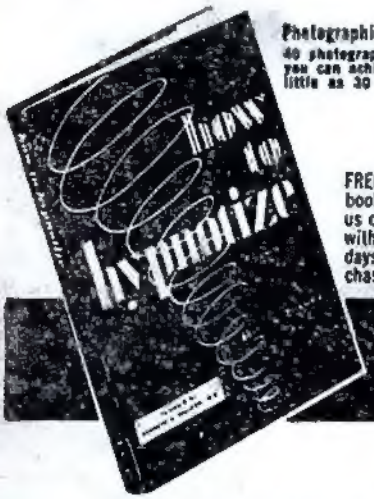

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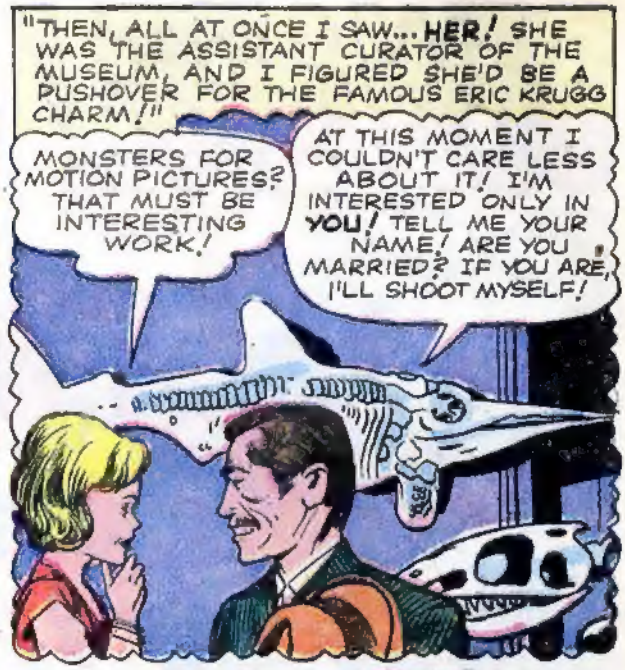
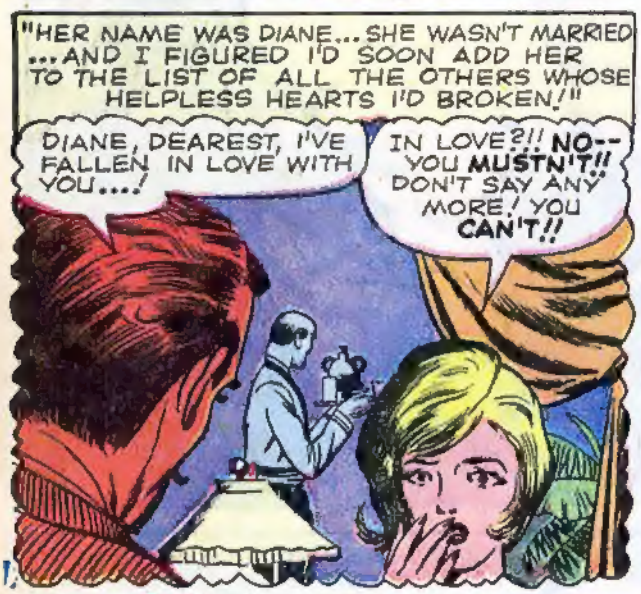
BEWARE! HE ISN'T HUMAN!

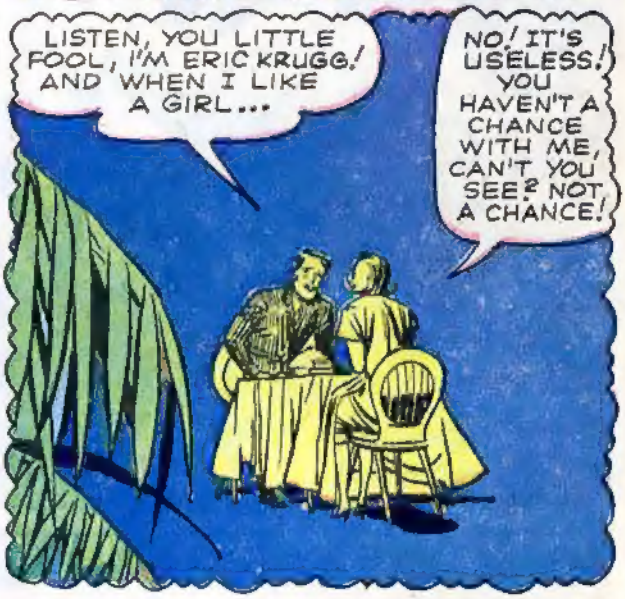
BUT NOW... NOW I MUST CREATE SOMETHING DIFFERENT! NOT JUST A FRIGHTENING DISPLAY, BUT SOMETHING REAL! SOMETHING THAT WILL DESTROY! DESTROY!

AND WHILE HIS SKILLED HANDS DEFTLY GO ABOUT THEIR GRIM TASK, ERIC KRUGG'S WARPED MIND FLASHES BACK... BACK TO THE BEGINNING...

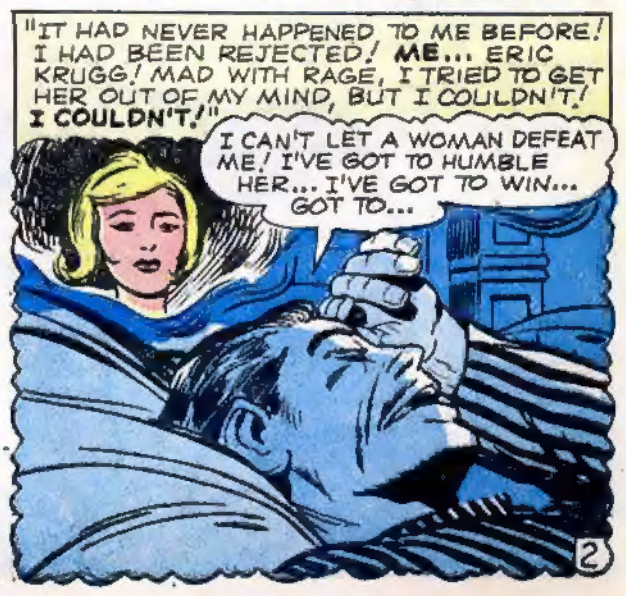
"IN MY RESEARCH FOR IDEAS, I WENT TO A LOCAL MUSEUM..."
THAT SHOULD BE AN EASY FACE TO COPY! WHY SHOULD I BOTHER WITH ORIGINAL DESIGNS WHEN IT'S EASIER TO SWIPE SOMEONE ELSE'S HANDIWORK?!


"THEN, ALL AT ONCE I SAW... HER! SHE WAS THE ASSISTANT CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM, AND I FIGURED SHE'D BE A PUSHOVER FOR THE FAMOUS ERIC KRUGG CHARM!"
MONSTERS FOR MOTION PICTURES? THAT MUST BE INTERESTING WORK!
AT THIS MOMENT I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT IT! I'M INTERESTED ONLY IN YOU! TELL ME YOUR NAME! ARE YOU MARRIED? IF YOU ARE, I'LL SHOOT MYSELF!


"HER NAME WAS DIANE... SHE WASN'T MARRIED ...AND I FIGURED I'D SOON ADD HER TO THE LIST OF ALL THE OTHERS WHOSE HELPLESS HEARTS I'D BROKEN!"
DIANE, DEAREST, I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU...!
IN LOVE?!! NO-- YOU MUSTN'T!! DON'T SAY ANY MORE! YOU CAN'T!!


LISTEN, YOU LITTLE FOOL, I'M ERIC KRUGG! AND WHEN I LIKE A GIRL...
NO! IT'S USELESS! YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE WITH ME, CAN'T YOU SEE? NOT A CHANCE!

BUT WHY NOT???
BECAUSE I'M WAITING, ERIC... WAITING! DON'T ASK ME TO EXPLAIN ANY MORE...I--I CAN'T!


"IT HAD NEVER HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE! I HAD BEEN REJECTED! ME... ERIC KRUGG! MAD WITH RAGE, I TRIED TO GET HER OUT OF MY MIND, BUT I COULDN'T! I COULDN'T!"
I CAN'T LET A WOMAN DEFEAT ME! I'VE GOT TO HUMBLE HER... I'VE GOT TO WIN... GOT TO...

AND THEN, ONE DAY...
I TELL YOU MY BRAIN FEELS LIKE IT'S ON FIRE! YOU'RE ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT! ALL THAT MATTERS TO ME! YOU CAN'T REJECT ME!
ERIC, PLEASE! DON'T MAKE A SCENE! I TOLD YOU--I'M WAITING!!
BRONTO SAURUS
ALL RIGHT, YOU'VE GIVEN ME YOUR ANSWER AND I'M LEAVING! BUT I WARN YOU--IF I CAN'T HAVE YOU, NO ONE WILL!!
WHA--WHAT DO YOU MEAN??
YOU'LL SEE!! YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!
AND SINCE THAT FATEFUL DAY, I'VE BEEN CREATING MY INSTRUMENT FOR REVENGE! NOW AT LAST IT'S FINISHED! I'VE COMPLETED...
...MY DEADLY ROBOT!!
HOW HANDSOME YOU ARE, JUST AS I INTENDED YOU TO BE--SO THAT NO ONE WILL THINK OF ASSOCIATING YOU WITH ERIC KRUGG, MAKER OF HIDEOUS MONSTERS!
NOW, LET US SEE HOW WELL I'VE BUILT YOU! PICK UP THAT IRON BAR FROM THE FLOOR!
NOW BEND IT AS THOUGH IT WERE CARDBOARD! THAT'S IT! HA! HA! HA!

THE VENGEFUL SCHEMER GIVES THE ROBOT TEST AFTER TEST, AND EACH TIME THE MECHANICAL MAN **PROVES** HIS INCREDIBLE STRENGTH...

GOOD! GOOD! NOW, BREAK THE TABLE IN TWO!

DO THE BULLETS HURT YOU?

NO MASTER!

BANG BANG BANG

WALK! WALK ALL THE WAY UP THE WALL!

PERFECT!! I'VE TESTED YOU THOROUGHLY AND I FIND YOU READY!! READY TO CARRY OUT YOUR MISSION! GO NOW TO THE MUSEUM--FIND DIANE HARPER--**AND SLAY HER!!**

SILENTLY, INTO THE DARK GLOOM OF NIGHT GOES THE INHUMAN CREATURE, TO TURN ERIC KRUGG'S THREAT INTO A GRIM REALITY...

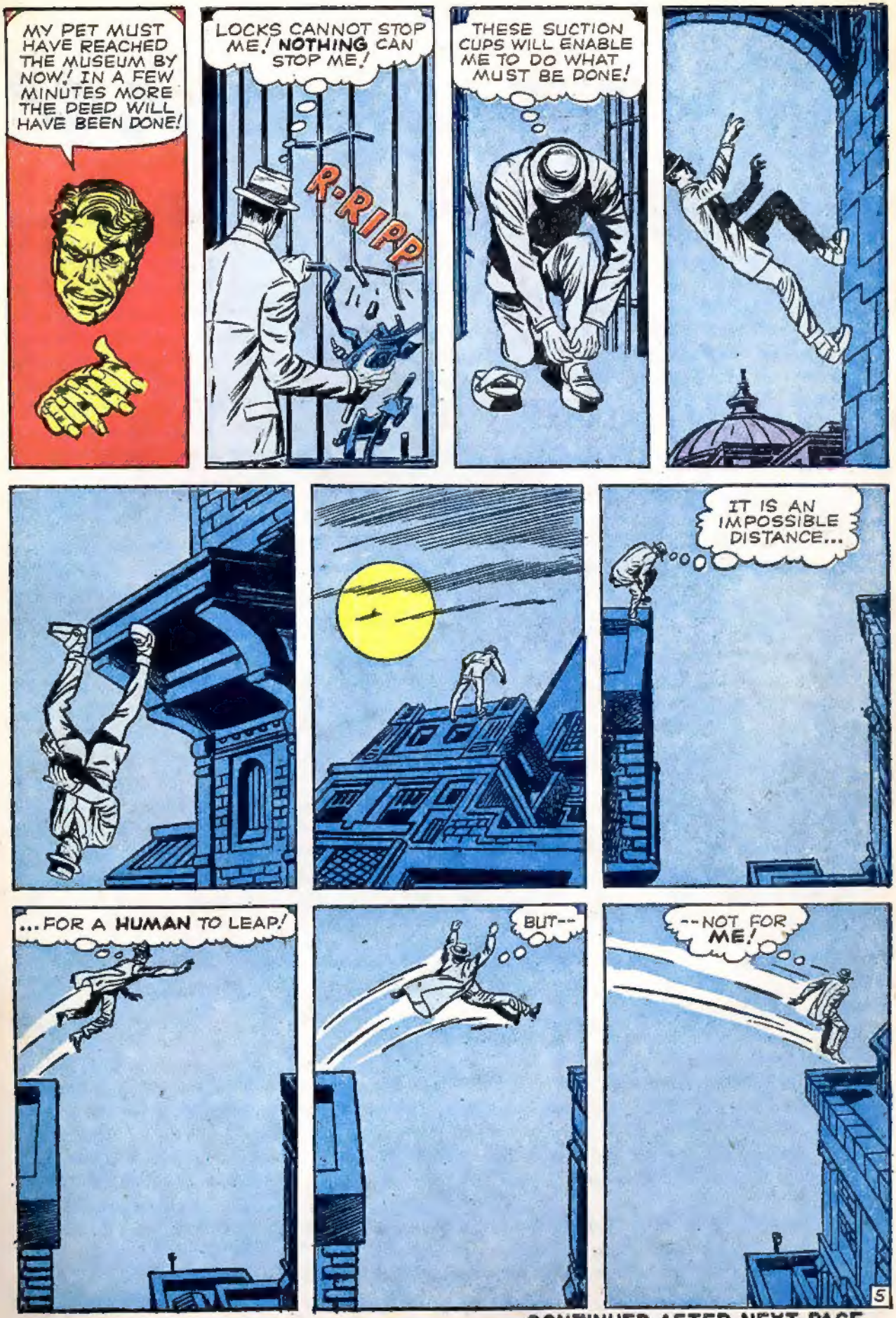
I **WARNED** HER... I **TOLD** HER IF I COULDN'T HAVE HER, THEN **NO ONE** WOULD!!

...AND NO ONE WILL EVER LINK **ME** WITH HER FATE! IT WILL BE THE WORLD'S ONLY PERFECT CRIME!

JOHN, DID YOU NOTICE THAT MAN'S EYES? THEY WERE SO... GLASSY!

YEAH, AN' THE FOOL DOESN'T EVEN KNOW ENOUGH TO COME IN OUTA THE RAIN!

UP AHEAD... THERE IS THE **MUSEUM!**


MY PET MUST HAVE REACHED THE MUSEUM BY NOW! IN A FEW MINUTES MORE THE DEED WILL HAVE BEEN DONE!
LOCKS CANNOT STOP ME! NOTHING CAN STOP ME!
R-RIPP
THESE SUCTION CUPS WILL ENABLE ME TO DO WHAT MUST BE DONE!
IT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE DISTANCE...
...FOR A HUMAN TO LEAP!
BUT--
--NOT FOR ME!
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THE RADIO

WHEN Bill Barton entered his two-room flat that evening, he was flabbergasted to see all his furniture arranged neatly on the ceiling. It had been on the floor in its usual place when he left home that morning, and now, much to his consternation, every table, lamp, chair and even the T.V. set was stuck fast to the ceiling, upside down.

"I'm dreaming," was his first thought. "That's it. This is all a bad dream, and it really doesn't exist this way at all. I'll just pinch myself and wake up, and then everything will be as it was."

Bill Barton closed his eyes, pinched himself hard and opened them a moment later expectantly. The furniture was still on the ceiling. Bill Barton slapped his hand over his eyes, went outside into the hall and slammed the door hard.

"I've got to get a grip on myself," he thought frantically. "This can't be real. I'll just go outside for a little while and have a cup of coffee and when I come back, everything will be all right."

The confused Mr. Barton walked down the two flights from his walk-up flat, and as he got to the street level, he was surprised to hear soft, concerned mutterings coming from the open basement door. He walked over softly, opened the door a little wider and peered down the rickety staircase into a lighted basement.

"It's only Mr. Sparks from the first floor," Bill thought with relief, "tinkering with his ham radio set." With a frown Bill wished, "Maybe I should have a hobby like that. Maybe I'm cracking up from too much work at the office."

Just as he was about to leave his neighbor without interruption, the amateur radio man turned, saw that he was being observed and shouted, "Hey, c'mon down. Do you know anything about these sets? This thing is broken."

"Why, no," Bill admitted. "But I used to putter around a little bit in school with that sort of thing." With curiosity, he made his way down the steps.

He found himself an hour later involved in a maze of wires, tubes and dials, and still the two men didn't know what the trouble was.

"Just don't know what went wrong," the radio ham confessed. "It was working fine and I twisted this knob here onto a higher frequency, then I heard somebody say, 'I'm at your service, O Master,' and then everything went flooey." Bill's friend shrugged his shoulders in frustration, then added, "Must have picked up that station from pretty far away too, 'cause he sounded kinda funny."

"That's tough, fella," Bill consoled. "But let's forget about it for a while and come on up to my apartment and have a cup of coffee with me, Mr. Sparks."

"Well, O.K.," he answered.

When the two men approached Bill's door, a qualm of remembrance and apprehension gripped Bill. He turned the key in the lock and then, gritting his teeth, flung open the door and took one fast look inside. He didn't take a good look, but it was enough. He slammed the door shut again, almost knocking Sparks over in his haste, and hurriedly suggested, "Let's go to your place instead."

"What's the matter, Bill?" Sparks asked. "You look as if you've seen a ghost. What's in there?"

"Er, nothing," Bill lied ineffectively.

"Well, if there's something wrong . . ." Sparks offered, and in his eagerness to help his new friend, he burst through the door eagerly, sweeping Bill inside the apartment with him.

"Well, what kind of a place is *this?*" Sparks gasped. "Your furniture's on the ceiling!"

"Do *you* see it too?" Bill asked.

Then as the two men looked around helplessly, an echo-like voice seemed to come from everywhere at once and it said, "I'm at your service, O Master."

Sparks whispered, "That's the same voice that . . ." and then he shouted, "Where are you? *Who* are you?"

But there was no reply. Nothing was heard except the water dripping in the sink.

After a moment, Bill regained his powers of thought. "Tell me again, Sparks. Just what happened when the set broke?"

"I turned this dial, see . . ." Sparks explained slowly. "Then I heard this voice and at the same time, all the needles on the dials started to turn like crazy. Lights went on and off and I said some-

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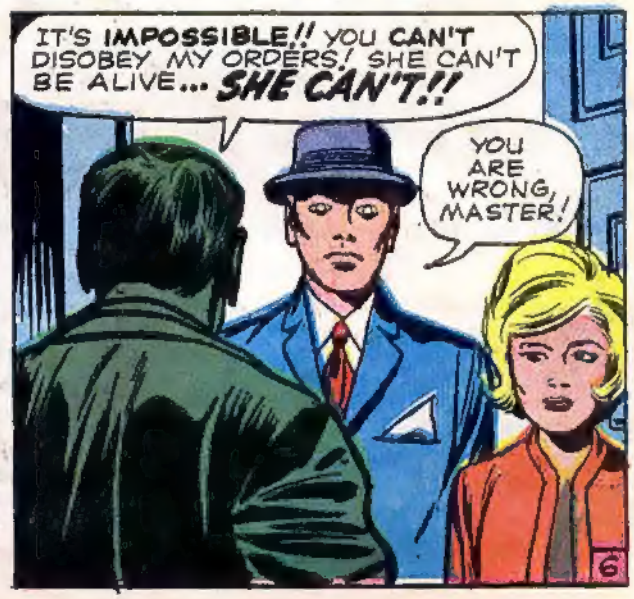
THERE SHE IS--WORKING AT HER DESK, JUST AS THE MASTER PREDICTED! NOW IS THE TIME TO STRIKE!!

CRRASSSHH!

HE MUST HAVE DONE THE DEED BY NOW! SOON HE'LL BE BACK HERE, REPORTING HIS TRIUMPH!

THE DOOR! HE HAS RETURNED AT LAST!!
BZZZZT.

BUT WHEN ERIC KRUGG OPENS THE DOOR, HE GETS THE SHOCK OF HIS LIFE!
NO!! NO!!


IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!! YOU CAN'T DISOBEY MY ORDERS! SHE CAN'T BE ALIVE... SHE CAN'T!!
YOU ARE WRONG, MASTER!
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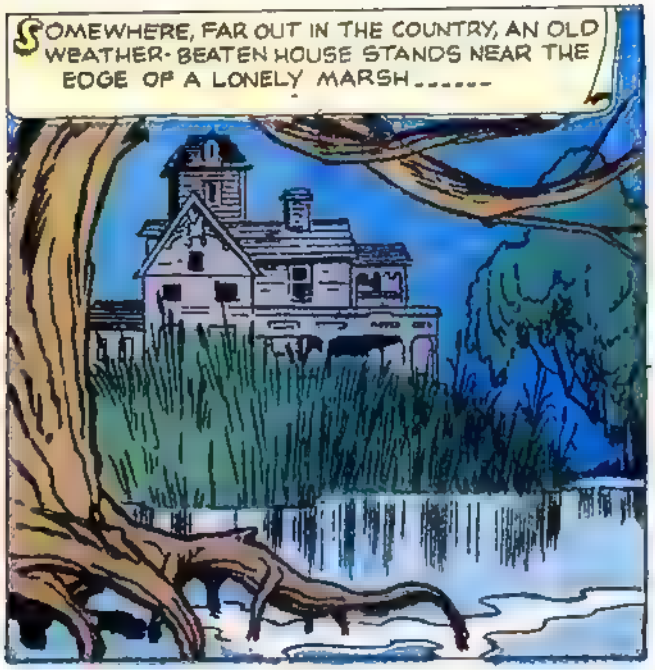
YOU MADE JUST ONE MISTAKE, ERIC... A FATAL MISTAKE!
YOU'RE SO... CALM! SO UNWORRIED!! HOW--??
REMEMBER, ERIC, I TOLD YOU I COULD NOT MARRY YOU BECAUSE I WAS... WAITING? WELL, YOU HAVE GIVEN ME WHAT I WAS WAITING FOR!
YOU SEE, ERIC, I, TOO, AM A ROBOT!! AND, THANKS TO YOU, I HAVE A MATE AT LAST!
YOU??! NO!! NO, IT CAN'T BE...
DID YOU THINK ONLY YOU COULD BUILD A ROBOT?? AND DO YOU REALIZE THAT ONE ROBOT WILL NEVER HARM ANOTHER?
BUT A HUMAN. --THAT'S DIFFERENT! --A HUMAN CAN BE HARMED!
NO--NO, KEEP AWAY! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
LISTEN TO ME... I--I LOVED YOU!! I REALLY LOVED YOU, DO YOU HEAR?
PERHAPS ERIC DID LOVE HER, OR PERHAPS HE REALLY DIDN'T!
THE TWO FIGURES COMING SLOWLY TOWARDS HIM JUST DO NOT SEEM TO CARE!
AND AS FOR US, GENTLE READER... IT LOOKS AS THOUGH WE'LL NEVER REALLY KNOW!
THE END

I DON'T BELIEVE IN....
GHOSTS!

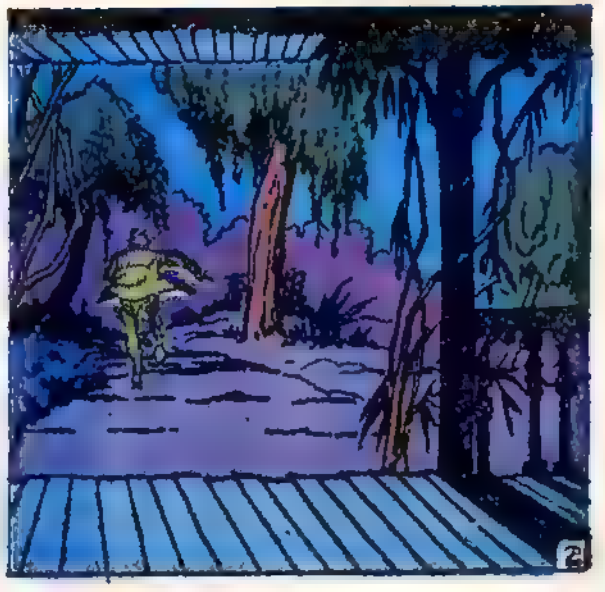

SOMEWHERE, FAR OUT IN THE COUNTRY, AN OLD WEATHER-BEATEN HOUSE STANDS NEAR THE EDGE OF A LONELY MARSH.....

INSIDE ITS BLEAK WALLS, THERE IS NO SOUND BUT THE SOFT CREAKING OF WOOD THAT HAS LONG SINCE WARPED!

THEN, SUDDENLY, FROM AN UPSTAIRS ROOM... COMES A SHRIEK!
AHEEE! IT'S A--

---A GHOST!

I'VE GOT TO GET OUT!
GOT TO GET AWAY!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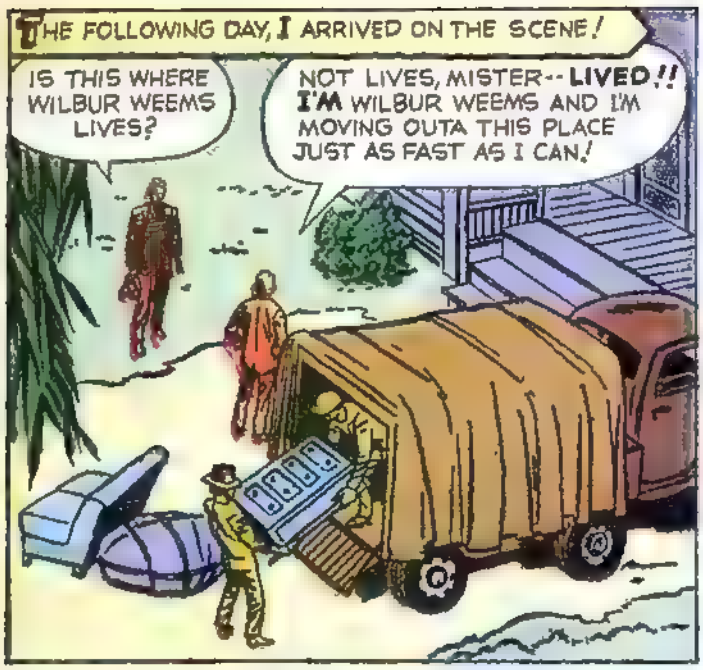
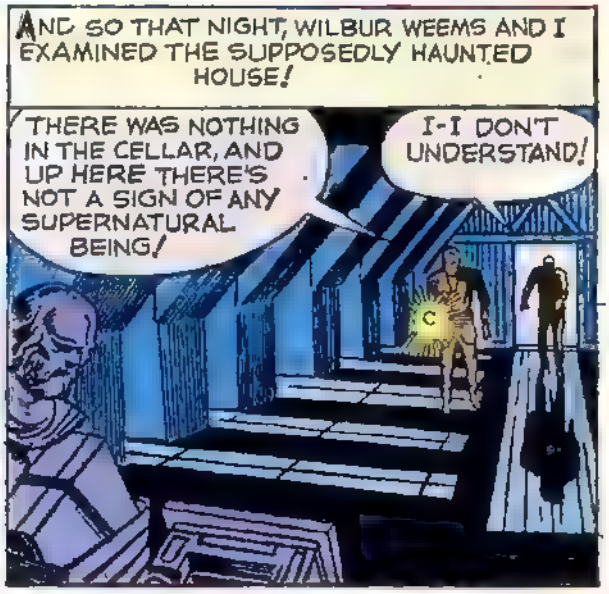
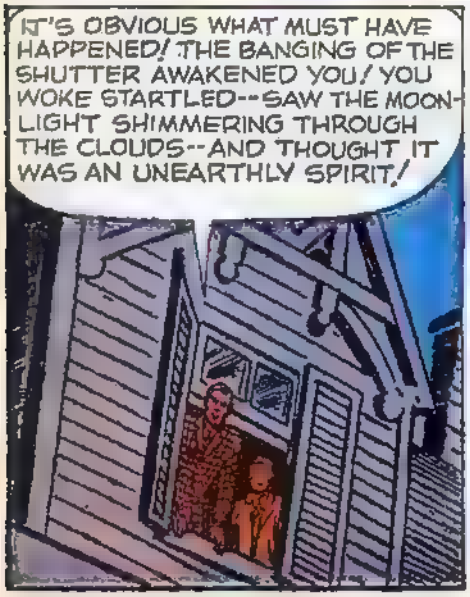

THE FOLLOWING DAY, I ARRIVED ON THE SCENE!
IS THIS WHERE WILBUR WEEMS LIVES?
NOT LIVES, MISTER--LIVED!! I'M WILBUR WEEMS AND I'M MOVING OUTA THIS PLACE JUST AS FAST AS I CAN!

I WAS PASSING THROUGH TOWN AND HEARD ABOUT THIS HAUNTED HOUSE! I'M INTERESTED BECAUSE--WELL--I DEVOTE MY LIFE TO PROVING GHOSTS DO NOT EXIST!
LOOK, FRIEND, LAST NIGHT I SAW A SPOOK IN MY WINDOW! IT WAS HORRIBLE--FLAPPING IN THE WIND--GETTING READY TO GRAB ME WITH ITS ICY FINGERS! AND YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME THEY DON'T EXIST!
BAH!

THAT'S RIGHT! THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A GHOST!! IT'S JUST A FIGMENT OF THE IMAGINATION...AND IF YOU'LL LET ME, I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU! IF I FAIL--IF I FIND THERE REALLY IS A GHOST--THEN I'LL PAY YOU FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS!
FIFTY THOUSAND!! YOU GOT YOURSELF A DEAL!


AND SO THAT NIGHT, WILBUR WEEMS AND I EXAMINED THE SUPPOSEDLY HAUNTED HOUSE!
THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE CELLAR, AND UP HERE THERE'S NOT A SIGN OF ANY SUPERNATURAL BEING!
I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND!


IT'S OBVIOUS WHAT MUST HAVE HAPPENED! THE BANGING OF THE SHUTTER AWAKENED YOU! YOU WOKE STARTLED--SAW THE MOONLIGHT SHIMMERING THROUGH THE CLOUDS--AND THOUGHT IT WAS AN UNEARTHLY SPIRIT!

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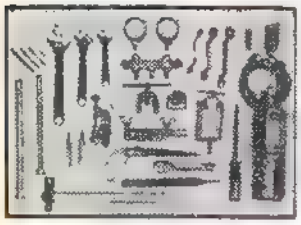

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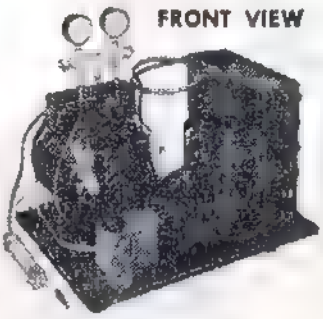

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WHAT.. WHAT'S THAT?? NO! DON'T DO ANYTHING! I'LL COME AS QUICKLY AS I CAN!
A HALF HOUR LATER...
OKAY BOYS, LET'S GET TO WORK!
THERE'S THE HOUSE! THEY'RE GOING TO TEAR IT DOWN!
WHEN WE FINISH WITH THIS GHOST-RIDDEN PLACE, THERE WON'T BE A WALL LEFT STANDING!
WAIT! LISTEN TO ME! YOU WON'T HAVE TO DESTROY THE HOUSE! I'LL PROVE THAT IT'S NOT HAUNTED--THAT THERE ARE NO SPIRITS IN IT!!
NO SPOOKS? LOOK, PAL, WE HEARD THEM! WE SAW THEM!
THOSE BLASTED GHOSTS NEARLY SCARED US OUT OF OUR WITS!
NO! IT WAS JUST YOUR IMAGINATION, AND I'LL BET FIFTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS I'M RIGHT!
THERE HE GOES! HE'S GONNA ENTER THE HOUSE!
AND JOE'S GOIN' WITH HIM!
AS SOON AS JOE SHOWS HIM THE GHOST, HE'LL COLLECT FIFTY GRAND!
MAN, I WOULDN'T GO IN THERE FOR ALL THE DOUGH IN THE WORLD!
CREEEEAK---

WELL, HERE WE ARE, INSIDE THE HOUSE, AND I DON'T SEE ANY SUPERNATURAL BEINGS!
YEAH, JUST WAIT!
OOWWOOOO
THERE--V'HEAR THAT HOWL?!! WHAT'D I TELL YOU??!
HMMM... IS THAT THE SAME NOISE YOU AND THE OTHERS HEARD BEFORE???
YOU BET IT IS! NOW LET'S GET OUTA HERE!
NOT SO FAST, JOE!
LOOK! THE HOWLING NOISE IS NOTHING BUT THE WIND COMING DOWN THE CHIMNEY!
WIND?? THAT'S ALL IT IS??
WWOOOWW
WELL, OKAY, THAT EXPLAINS THE NOISE WE HEARD! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE GHOSTS WE SAW??
I'M SURE THERE'S A PERFECTLY SIMPLE ANSWER--AH-- THERE IT IS!
JOE--MEET YOUR GHOST/A COMMON ORDINARY SHEET!
HUH??
THE SHEET MUST'VE BEEN COVERING THAT STATUE TO KEEP IT FROM GETTING DUSTY! SOMEHOW, THE SHEET BLEW OFF AND AS IT FLOATED DOWN HERE, YOU THOUGHT IT WAS A SPIRIT./YOUR FRIGHT WAS SO GREAT YOU EVEN IMAGINED YOU WERE SEEING SEVERAL OF THEM!
HOLY SMOKE! WHAT A CHUMP I'VE BEEN!
HEY--THE GUY DID IT! HE PROVED THE HOUSE ISN'T HAUNTED! WE JUST IMAGINED THE WHOLE THING!
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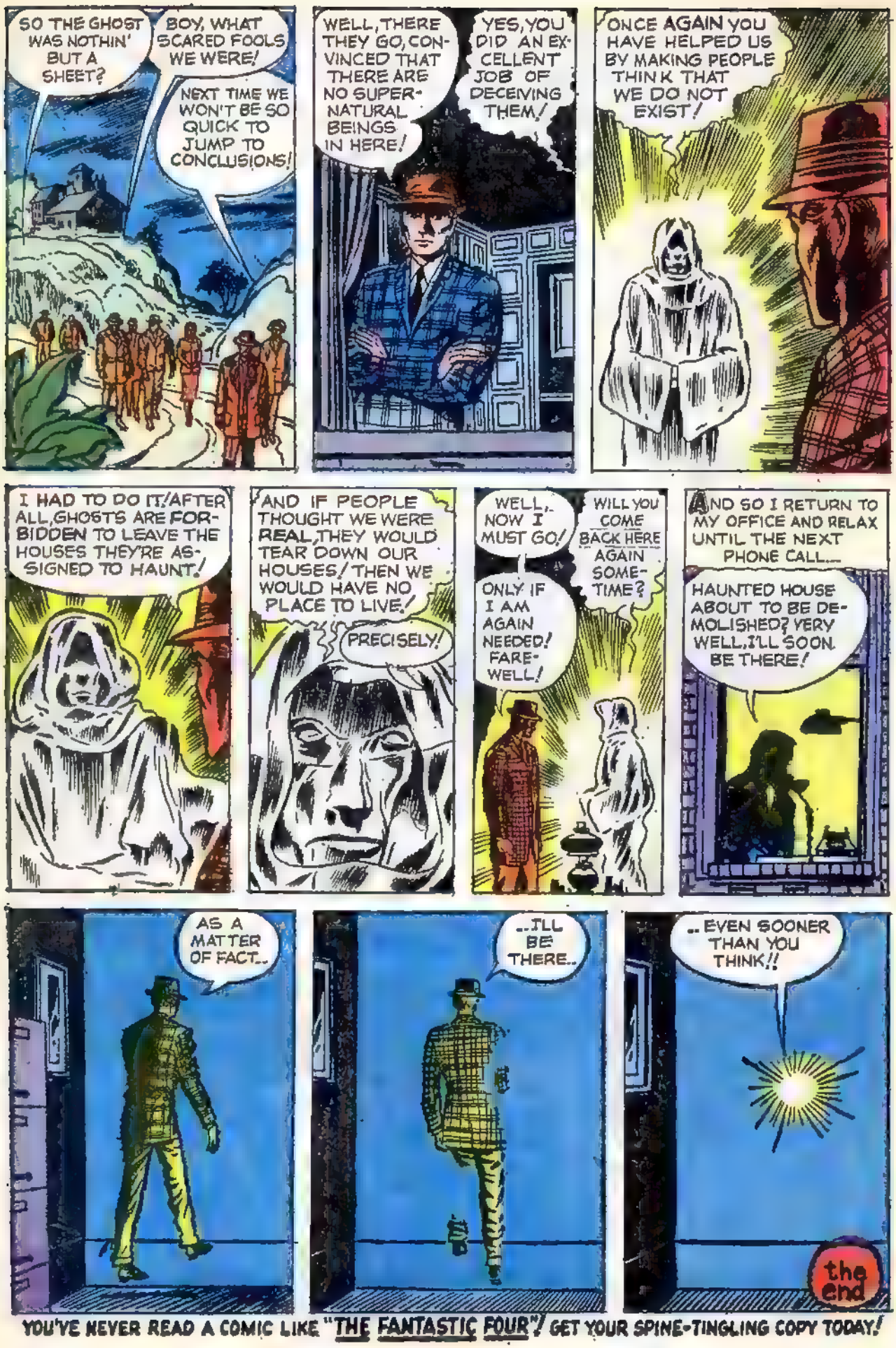
SO THE GHOST WAS NOTHIN' BUT A SHEET?
BOY, WHAT SCARED FOOLS WE WERE!
NEXT TIME WE WON'T BE SO QUICK TO JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS!
WELL, THERE THEY GO, CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE NO SUPERNATURAL BEINGS IN HERE!
YES, YOU DID AN EXCELLENT JOB OF DECEIVING THEM!
ONCE AGAIN YOU HAVE HELPED US BY MAKING PEOPLE THINK THAT WE DO NOT EXIST!
I HAD TO DO IT! AFTER ALL, GHOSTS ARE FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE THE HOUSES THEY'RE ASSIGNED TO HAUNT!
AND IF PEOPLE THOUGHT WE WERE REAL, THEY WOULD TEAR DOWN OUR HOUSES! THEN WE WOULD HAVE NO PLACE TO LIVE!
PRECISELY!
WELL, NOW I MUST GO!
WILL YOU COME BACK HERE AGAIN SOMETIME?
ONLY IF I AM AGAIN NEEDED! FAREWELL!
AND SO I RETURN TO MY OFFICE AND RELAX UNTIL THE NEXT PHONE CALL...
HAUNTED HOUSE ABOUT TO BE DEMOLISHED? VERY WELL, I'LL SOON BE THERE!
AS A MATTER OF FACT...
...I'LL BE THERE...
...EVEN SOONER THAN YOU THINK!!
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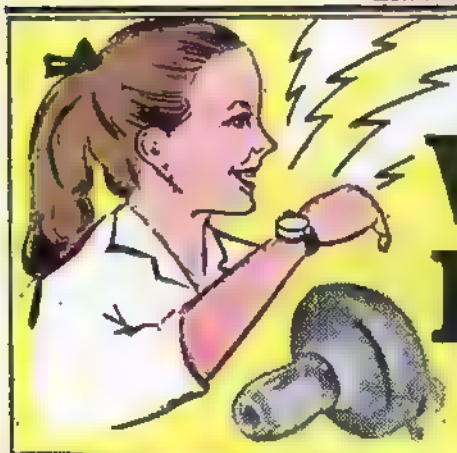

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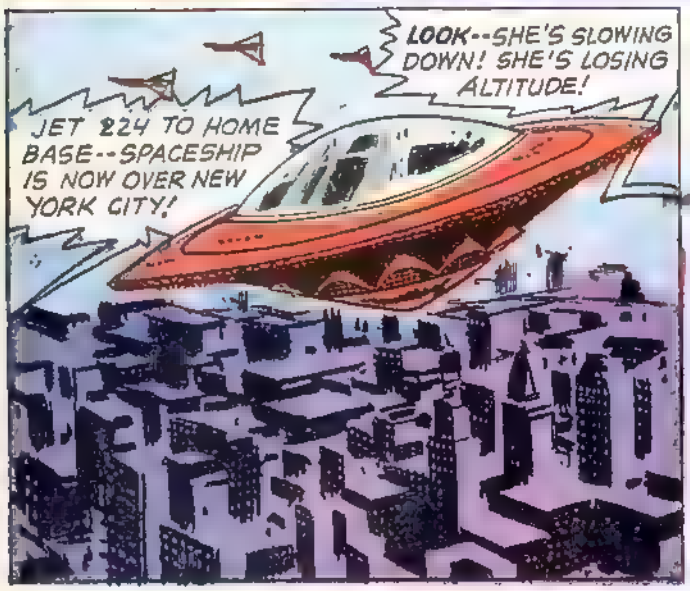
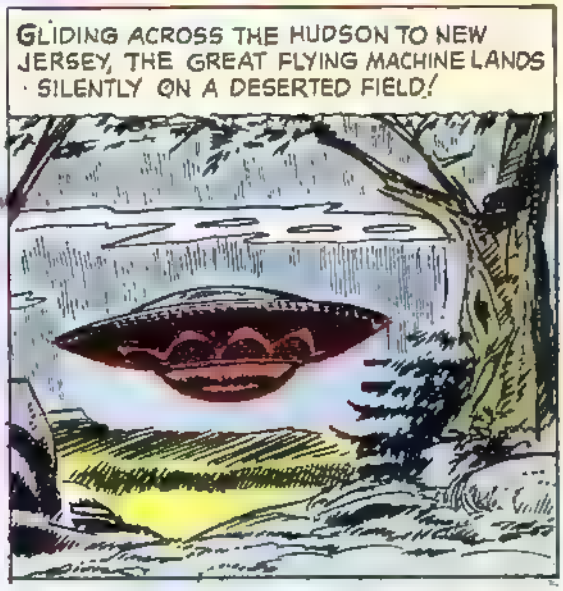
SUDDENLY...
WHOOSH!
HOLY TOLEDO! WHAT WAS THAT?
LOOKS LIKE A SPACE-SHIP!
IT'S MOVING SO FAST, IT MAKES US SEEM TO BE STANDING STILL!
JOE, RADIO AIR DEFENSE ON THE DOUBLE!
BUT THE ALERT GUARDIANS OF OUR NATION ARE ALREADY AWARE OF THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT!
IT'S CUT ITS FLYING SPEED DOWN TO 2,000 MILES AN HOUR!
MUST BE GETTING READY TO LAND!
NO! IT'S STILL MOVING TOO FAST!
AND ELSEWHERE AT THAT MOMENT, OUR TENSE, UNSMILING STATESMEN PONDER THE GRIM POSSIBILITIES...
WHO ARE THEY-- RUSSIANS?
NO! THAT SPACE-SHIP WAS BUILT BY AN INTELLIGENCE SUPERIOR TO ANY ON EARTH!
THEN IT MUST COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD!
ANOTHER WORLD, SURE, BUT WHAT KIND OF WORLD-- FRIENDLY...OR HOSTILE?
WE HAVE NO IDEA! SO WE'VE GOT TO BE READY FOR ANYTHING!
OUR MILITARY BRANCHES HAVE ALREADY BEEN ALERTED!

FEAR!! IT SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE! THROUGHOUT THE NATION, IT AROUSED THE INSTINCT OF SELF-PRESERVATION!
MAN YOUR STATIONS! CONDITION RED!
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU STRAIGHT, MEN! THE ROCKET SHIP COULD BE THE VANGUARD OF AN INVASION FROM OUTER SPACE!
SIE
THIS IS AN AIR ALERT! TAKE SHELTER! REPEAT--TAKE SHELTER!


LOOK--SHE'S SLOWING DOWN! SHE'S LOSING ALTITUDE!
JET 224 TO HOME BASE--SPACESHIP IS NOW OVER NEW YORK CITY!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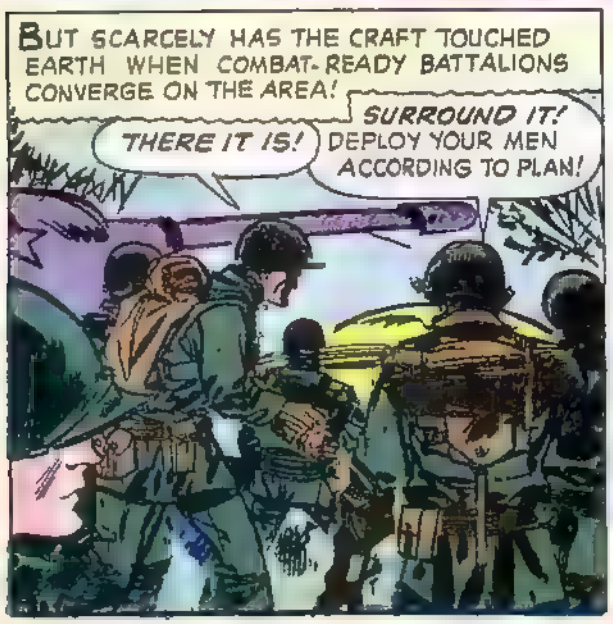
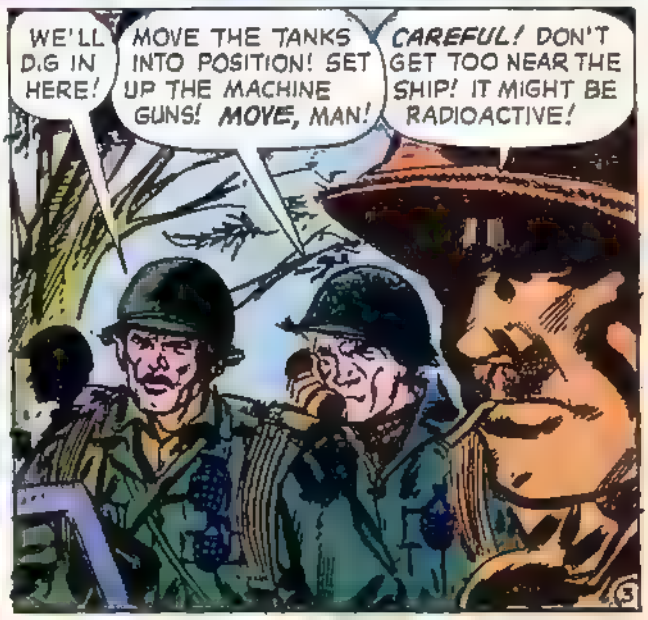
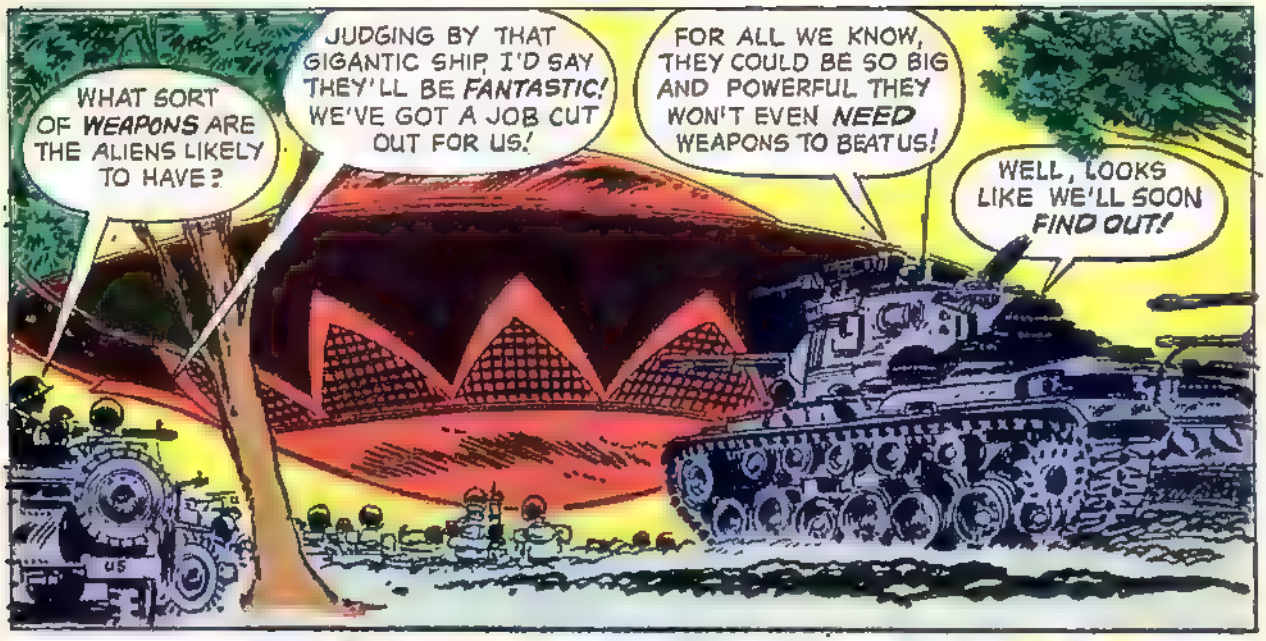

BUT SCARCELY HAS THE CRAFT TOUCHED EARTH WHEN COMBAT-READY BATTALIONS CONVERGE ON THE AREA!
THERE IT IS!
SURROUND IT! DEPLOY YOUR MEN ACCORDING TO PLAN!


WE'LL DIG IN HERE!
MOVE THE TANKS INTO POSITION! SET UP THE MACHINE GUNS! MOVE, MAN!
CAREFUL! DON'T GET TOO NEAR THE SHIP! IT MIGHT BE RADIOACTIVE!


WHAT SORT OF WEAPONS ARE THE ALIENS LIKELY TO HAVE?
JUDGING BY THAT GIGANTIC SHIP, I'D SAY THEY'LL BE FANTASTIC! WE'VE GOT A JOB CUT OUT FOR US!
FOR ALL WE KNOW, THEY COULD BE SO BIG AND POWERFUL THEY WON'T EVEN NEED WEAPONS TO BEAT US!
WELL, LOOKS LIKE WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!

THE ROOF'S STARTING TO OPEN!
STEADY, MEN! THIS IS IT!

REMEMBER-- IF THEY MAKE ONE FALSE MOVE, LET 'EM HAVE IT!

WHAT TYPE OF MONSTERS WILL THEY BE? I--I HOPE SHELLS WILL STOP 'EM!

HERE THEY COME!
LOOK!!

HOLY SMOKE!! THEY'RE--THEY'RE--
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

THEY'RE NOT MONSTERS! THEY HAVE NO WEAPONS!
THEY'RE SMALL, FRIENDLY-LOOKING PEOPLE!
GREETINGS, EARTHMEN! WE COME TO YOU IN PEACE!

UNTIL WE SAW YOUR SATELLITES IN THE SKY, WE WERE NOT AWARE THERE WAS INTELLIGENT LIFE ON EARTH!
BUT NOW WE ARE HERE TO GIVE YOU THE GOOD WISHES OF OUR GALAXY AND TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH YOU!
WOW! SOME DIFFERENCE FROM WHAT WE EXPECTED, HUH?
YOU SAID IT!
AND SO, THE MOMENTOUS VISIT BECOMES A CORDIAL ENCOUNTER! IDEAS ARE EXCHANGED! FRIENDLY RELATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED!
IT IS TIME FOR US TO LEAVE, BUT WE SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER EARTH WITH FONDNESS!
THERE THEY GO!
THEY SURE WERE SWELL LITTLE GUYS!
WE WERE SILLY TO HAVE FEARED THEM!
BUT IT ONLY TOOK ONE LOOK TO MAKE US KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS FROM THE STARS ARE A WONDERFUL RACE!
OUR VISIT TO EARTH WENT WELL, DID IT NOT?
YES! IT ALWAYS DOES WHEN WE TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS!
THROUGH THE AGES, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT PRIMITIVE RACES ONLY TRUST STRANGERS WHO RESEMBLE THEMSELVES!
AND SO, AS WE HAVE DONE SO OFTEN ON OTHER WORLDS, WE TOOK THE NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPRESS THE POOR, FRIGHTENED EARTHLINGS!
FOR THE SAVAGE HUMANS ARE LIKE CHILDREN! WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW WILL NEVER HURT THEM!
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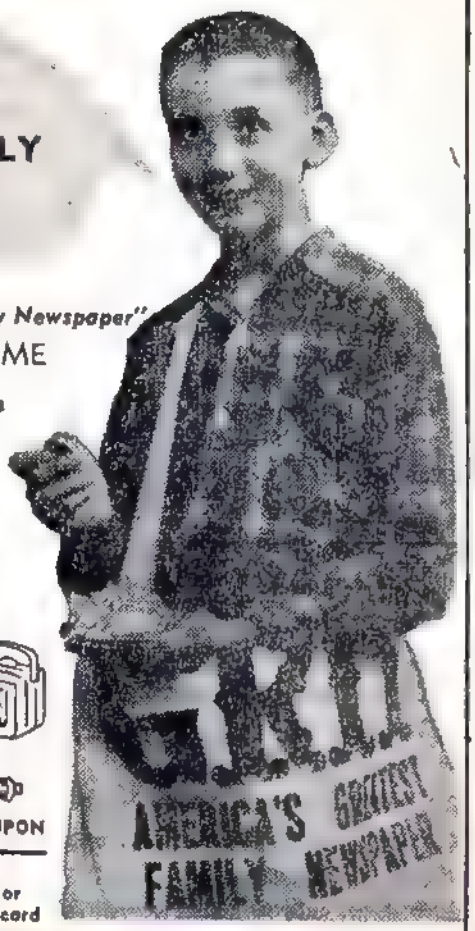

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thing about everything going haywire and being upside down and . . ."

"Wait a minute," Bill stopped him. "What was that about everything being upside down?"

"Well, I just said . . ." And then Sparks' face showed a trace of understanding. "Yeah, that's it. He must have thought it was an order so he . . ." and Sparks looked around hopelessly at the furniture on the ceiling. "But why did he pick *your* apartment?"

"It's on the top floor," Bill observed. "Maybe he can't go any lower. Give him another order and get this furniture down where it belongs."

"Hey, slave or whatever you are," Sparks ordered doubtfully, "get this stuff back again."

The empty voice rasped again. "You command, I obey, O Master!" In less than a second, the chairs, tables, lamps and even the T.V. set righted themselves and dropped gently to the floor.

"This is ridiculous," Sparks said.

"Don't quibble," Bill advised. "Try asking it something else."

"What?"

"Anything."

"Got anything that needs fixing, for instance?"

"Sure . . . uh, the T.V. It never did work right."

"Whoa . . . wait a minute now," Sparks advised. "Why not ask for money. That way, we could afford to have 400 television sets fixed."

"You're right," Bill agreed. "How much should we ask for?"

"A thousand?"

"Naw, ten thousand."

"No, a million," Sparks amended.

"Now wait a minute." Bill thought deeply. "There are an awful lot of things I've always wanted. A house in the country, a big yellow convertible, a swimming pool . . ."

Sparks continued the list. "A trip around the world, a yacht of my own, the biggest radio set in the world . . ."

"Maybe I'd buy a lot of real estate," Bill added.

"Or maybe I'd own my own radio station and newspapers . . ."

"I don't see any sense in owning a lot of newspapers, when we can just as well own a lot of property," Bill argued.

"Why *not* newspapers?"

"Why not *property?*"

"Now listen," Sparks commanded ominously, "don't forget that it was my radio set that got this guy here in the first place."

"But don't forget, if it hadn't been for me, you wouldn't have even known you had anything in the first place," Bill replied.

"I can go right back down to the basement now and fix that set and call him back any time I want to . . . and I don't need you to help me! He's at *my* service, not yours."

And with that, Sparks left Bill's apartment and slammed the door behind him. But Bill wasn't going to let this treasure get out of his hands so easily. He followed Sparks out the apartment door and down the steps of the basement again, shouting all the way. "Wait a minute, Sparks. We can work something out. Wait a minute."

As he finally reached Sparks' side, he put his arm around his shoulders in a friendly way. "Let's talk this thing out, old boy."

"Go upstairs and leave me alone," Sparks ordered.

"Listen, fella . . ."

"You heard me. Go back upstairs."

"Sparks, we can work something . . ."

"Are you going?"

"Sparkie, old pal, I . . ."

"I WISH YOU WOULD GO UPSTAIRS AND GO TO SLEEP!"

In a fraction of a second, the place where Bill was standing was just empty air. There was no flash, no puff of smoke, nothing. One minute he was there and the next he wasn't. A hoarse voice came out of the far reaches of the basement and it said, "You command, O Master, I obey. You have called me and I have come to grant you three wishes. Your wishes are granted. Now I go!"

Sparks called, pleaded, begged and threatened, but the slave never returned. He fixed his radio set and turned the dials exactly as he had before, but nothing happened. There was complete silence.

At that same instant, on the second floor, Bill woke, rubbed his eyes, sat up in bed and looked around him. "What a crazy dream!" he muttered. "Imagine, furniture being upside down on the ceiling." And he rolled over and went back to sleep again.

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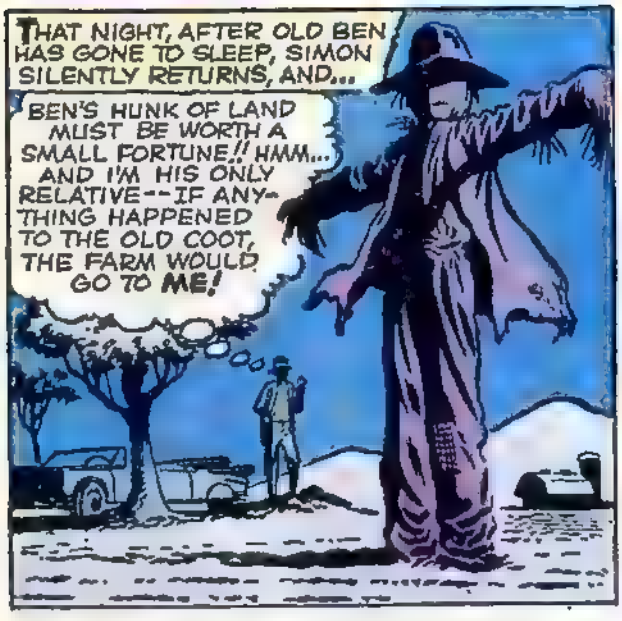
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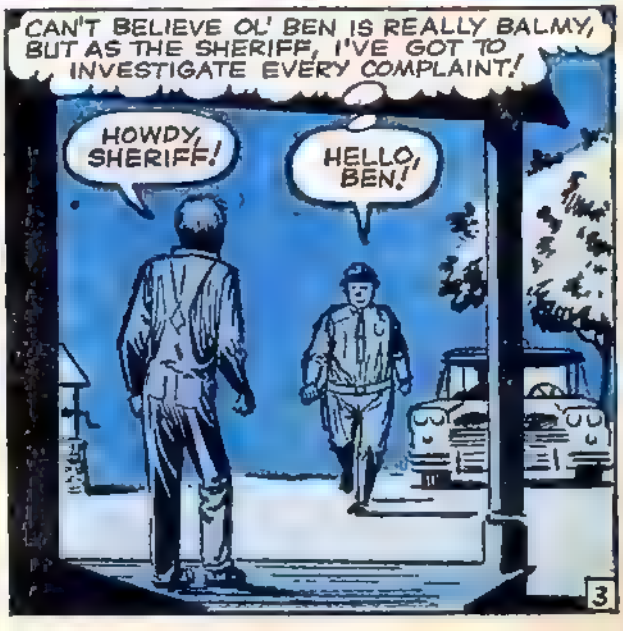
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HOWDY, SHERIFF!
HELLO, BEN!
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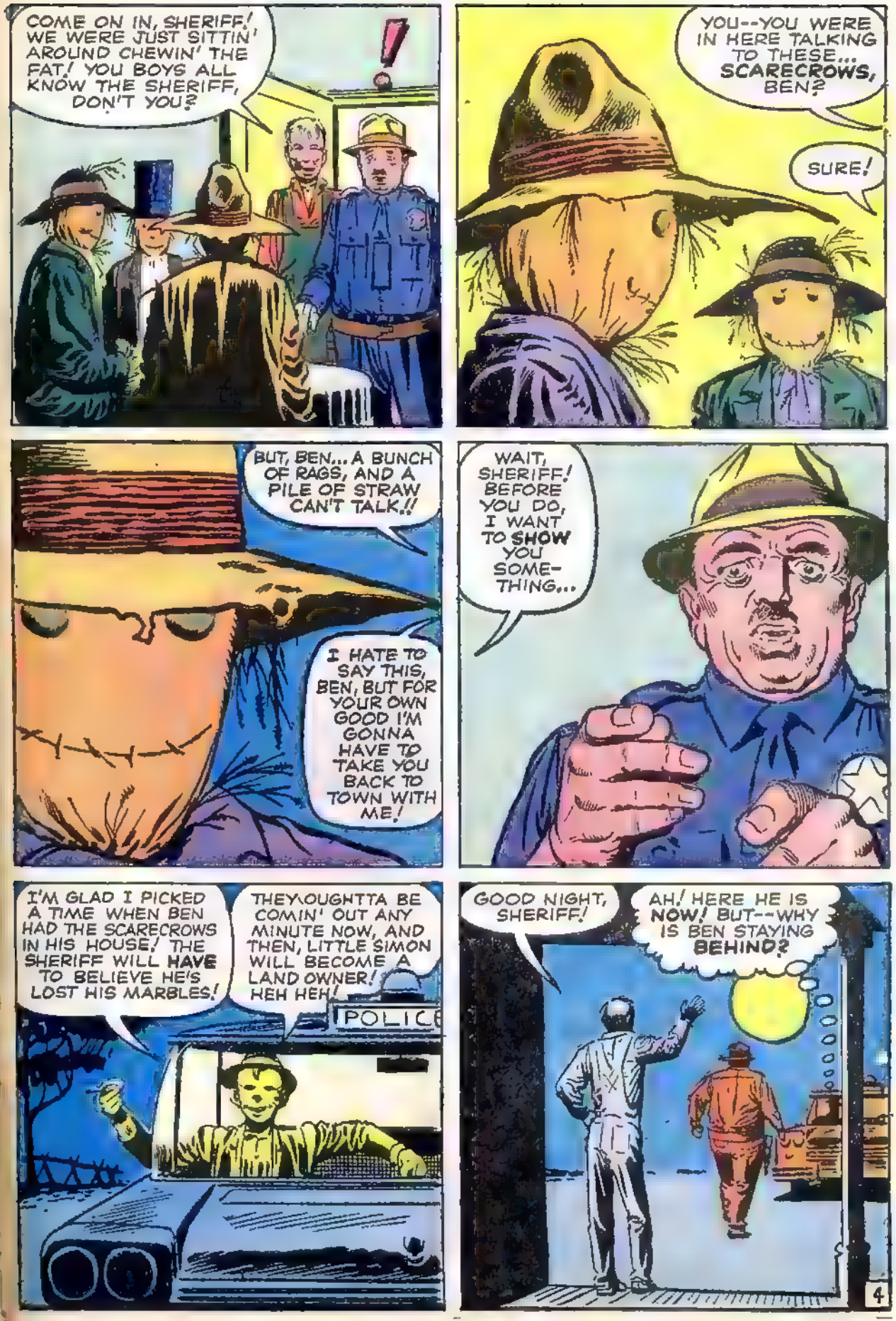
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YOU--YOU WERE IN HERE TALKING TO THESE... SCARECROWS, BEN?
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POLICE
GOOD NIGHT, SHERIFF!
AH! HERE HE IS NOW! BUT--WHY IS BEN STAYING BEHIND?
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WELL, DID YOU SEE HIM TALK TO THOSE BLAMED SCARECROWS OF HIS??
I--I SAW HIM, ALL RIGHT!
SO, WHY DIDN'T YOU TAKE HIM WITH YOU?? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA PUT HIM AWAY!!
SHUT UP, YOU LITTLE SQUIRT!! LET ME THINK!!
YOU--YOU CAN'T HAVE HIM PUT AWAY!! HE'S AS SANE AS WE ARE! MAYBE SANER!
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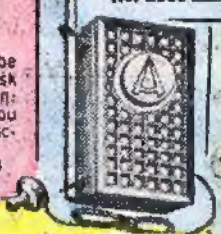

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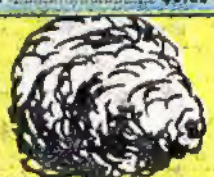

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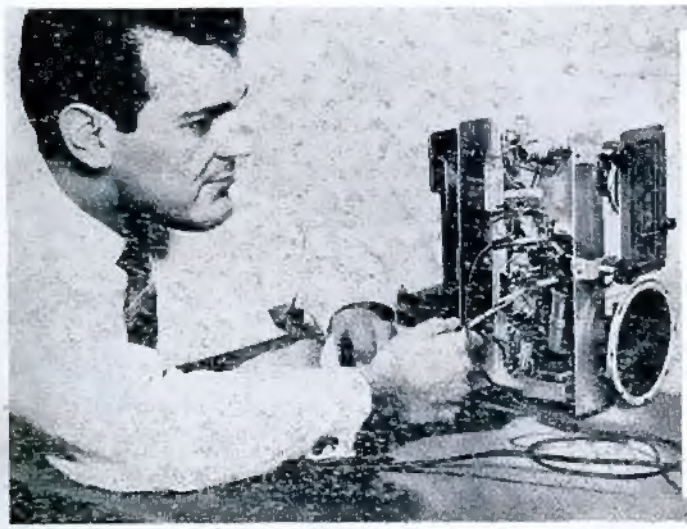

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